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DDA 75-1776

15 APR 1975

Mr. William B. Richardson

[Redacted Address Block]

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 12, 1975, received on March 18, in which you appeal the denial of your request for records relating to CIA financial transactions.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me in accordance with section 1900.51 of Chapter XIX, Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, I have reexamined your request in the light of this appeal.

I find that your request does not "reasonably describe" records within the meaning of the Freedom of Information Act. To the extent that I can understand your request, to locate the records you want would -- with one exception, specifically item 9 of the February 19 letter -- involve a search of records that cannot be conducted with a reasonable amount of effort. I note that you did not avail yourself of our offer to assist you to revise your request.

Regarding your request for all certificates prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence in accordance with 50 U.S.C.A. 403j(b) (item 9 of your February 19 letter), I have determined that these certificates contain official information which requires a substantial degree of protection against unauthorized disclosure in the interest of national security. Unauthorized disclosure of this information could reasonably be expected to result in significant impairment of a program related to the national security, specifically the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. I have determined further that these certificates are currently properly classified SECRET under Executive Order 11652. The release of these certificates is therefore denied in accordance with subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Additionally, I have determined that, pursuant to the responsibility and authority derived from statutory provisions such as 50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3), 50 U.S.C. 403f(a), and 50 U.S.C. 403g, the certificates may not be released to you in accordance with subsection (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act.

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In accordance with paragraph (4)(B) of subsection (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, you have the right to request judicial review of this denial in a United States district court.

Sincerely,

/s/John F. Blake

John F. Blake  
Chairman, Information Review Committee

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